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## **Renewing Your Mind**

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Most people's life experiences are the factors that control their self image and not the Word of God. We need to renew our mind with the word of God so that we can see ourselves like God sees us. Just like a GPS navigation system, wherever our minds are programmed to take us, according to our experiences, our minds will take us there. We need to reprogram our minds for our course in life according to God's purpose for us.

Eventually we will have to come to grip with the different obstacles in our lives and overcome them. Knowledge of the Word of God alone will not change your life. Just reading the Bible will not do the trick. We will need to apply what we know and read for the Word of God to make a change in our minds.

In Luke 18 and Mark 4 it says what we are responsible for what we hear. Many times our filter on our minds will get clogged with sectarianism and tradition. We have to hear what God is telling us by relying on the Holy Spirit to teach us what the truth is.

**Romans 12:1-2** <sup>1</sup>"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup>And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

We are the ones who need to renew our mind, not our parents, pastors, or even God. This renewing will help us discern and know what is pleasing to God. We are responsible of this change. By renewing our minds we will be like a butterfly. We will need to change from our worldly mind sets. The process might be ugly, like a cocoon is ugly for a butterfly, but the final result will be a complete change in how we see the world and how the world sees us.

God wants His anointing to continuously be increasing in our lives.

**Ephesians 4:23** "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;"

**Ephesians 4:23 (Amp)** "And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude],"

Those who allow for the Word of God to be planted in their life will grow in God so much more.

**James 1:21** "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

Meekness is defined as controlled strength. It means that one is coachable, controllable, and teachable.

Do not limit God to only your own abilities.

**Joshua 1:8** "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

You must start saying it and meditation on the Word of God for it to renew our mind.

**Acts 27:20** “And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.”

**Acts 27:22** “And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.”

A renewed mind will make you not conform to the circumstances around you and you will continuously have hope.

A word from God will have peace whenever it comes, not fear or worry.